

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-16 and 19-20 are pending in the present application. Herein, claims 3-6, 8-9, 16 and 19-20 are allowed. In addition, the Examiner indicated allowable subject matter for claims 11-15 if they are rewritten in independent form including limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 10 to include limitations of objected claim 11 and placed objected claim 13 into independent form. Claims 1-2 and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. The Examiner objects to claims 11-15 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicates that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 10 to include elements of dependent claim 11 and has amended dependent claim 13 to include elements of independent claim 10. Applicant has also canceled claim 11 without prejudice.

In light of the arguments set forth herein and the amendments to claims 10 and 13, Applicant respectfully requests that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,965,366 issued to Osborne et al. ("Osborne"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and submits that the Examiner has not met the burden of establishing a *prima facie* case of anticipation. However, based on the amendments set forth above, Applicant respectfully submit that the rejection is moot and no further discussion in traversing the grounds for rejection is warranted.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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